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Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

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PANY.

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Risks on First Class Godowns at ½
per cent. net premium per annum.
NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 932

To-day's Advertisements.

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SEALED TENDERS will be received
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Canton, 22nd April, 1885. 673

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ARRIVALS.
April 21, 1885:—
Lansea, British steamer, 1,327, John
Thearle, Saigon April 17, General. —ADAM-
SON, BELL & Co.
Madras, British steamer, 1,097, H.
Plange, Nagasaki April 16, Coal. —STIM-
SEN & Co.
April 22:—
Glendalough, British steamer, 1,480, Wub-
ster, Nagasaki April 17, Coal. —JAN-
MATHSON & Co.
Milton, British steamer, 139, Kurtzig,
Amoy April 20, Ballast. —CAPTAIN.
Verona, British steamer, 1,832, A. O.
Loggin, Shanghai April 19, Mails and
General. —F. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.
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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Havre, &c., via Suez Canal.	Bellona (s)	Schaefer	Siemssen & Co.	About May 5.
London, &c., via Suez Canal.	Verona (s)	A. O. Loggin	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 24, at 4 p.m.
London, via Suez Canal.	Andresen (s)	Jackson	Butterfield & Swire	April 26, at noon.
Marseilles, &c., via Yokohama.	Natal (s)	Schuch	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	May 2, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, City of New York (s).	Thorsva	Fraser	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Cyclops (s)	Jago	Butterfield & Swire	April 27.
Singapore.	Chi-yuen (s)	McCaslin	Douglas & Co.	April 23, at 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui, &c.	Igraban (s)	Massman	Ross & Co.	April 23, at daylight.
Sydney.	Thibet (s)	Williams	P. & O. S. N. Co.	April 23, at noon.
Sydney and Melbourne, &c.	Whampoa (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Butterfield & Swire	April 29, at 4 p.m.
Trieste, &c.	Amphitrite (s)	C. Lazzerich	O. Bachsch.	April 30, at noon.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

APRIL 22, 1885.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	POSITION PER LAST REPORT.	Balance Forward.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.							
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	50,000	12½	12½	8,400,000	61,770 2½	2 half year.	139 ½ prem; 142 ½ prem.
INSURANCES.							
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	200	50	50,000	540,107	...	Tls. 282½ per share
Yongtze Insurance Company, Ltd.	8,000	200	25	50,000	540,107	...	Tls. 120 " buyers
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.	2,000	125	125	534,000	496,320	...	\$480 " cash
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83.33	25	600,000	167,381	...	\$63 " buyers
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	50	100,000	469,660	...	\$81 " buyers
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited.	1,500	1,000	200	28,711.66	Credit balance	...	\$107½ " buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	909,608.56	297,668.07	\$20 for 1883	\$340 " ex div.
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	247,500	191,060.99	\$5 for 1883	\$67 " ex div.
STEAM COMPANIES.							
H.K. O. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	70	206,236.55	4,593.96	½ half year.	\$38 prem., buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	18,337½	10½	10	...	...	...	30 % discount
China and Mailla S. S. Co., Ltd.	3,500	100	all	...	...	...	45 discount, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.							
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	12½	12½	18,000	6,683.96	½ half year.	56 % prem., cash, buyers
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	5,000	100	10	...	8,552.17	...	\$95 per share, nominal
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	1,000	100	10	...	...	...	Old, \$3.00
China Sugar Company, Limited.	1,000	100	100	30.00	233.33	...	\$137.04 ¼
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	1,000	100	100	4,000	422.11	...	\$137 per share
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	6,000	50	50	...	829.03	...	2½ " ex div., buyers
London Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	100	100	...	...	...	\$120 " cash
Perak Tin Mining & S'ing Co., Ltd.	6,000	50	all	...	...	...	\$36 " nominal
Selangore Tin Mining Co. (S'ing)	2,500	100	all	...	...	...	\$13 " cash
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ltd.	3,000	50	all	...	...	...	\$26 " cash
LOANS.							
Chinese Imperial 1874	6,276½	100	all	8 %	June 30 Dec. 31	...	...
" " 1877	16,040½	100	all	8 %	Feb. 28 Ag. 31	...	...
" " 1878	8,897½	600	all	8 %	April 30 Dec. 31	...	...
" " 1881	8,567½	600	all	8 %	June 30 Dec. 31
Sugar Debenture, 1881	600	600	all	8 %	June 30 Dec. 31	...	1 ½ prem.

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The Decree ordering the evacuation of Tongking by the Chinese troops as a consequence of the preliminaries of peace signed at Paris on the 4th instant, between Messrs. Elliot and Duncan Campbell, was issued on the 14th instant for publication in the *Peking Gazette*. It contains nothing offensive to the French, contrary to the statement made by the *Shen-pao* on the 6th of this month.—*Mercury*.

On the 28th day of the 2nd moon (13th April, 1885) the Ministers of the Grand Council received personally the following Imperial Decree:—

"China and France having decided to resume their former good relations, we give our consent to the Tientsin Convention." "We command therefore our armies immediately to suspend hostilities everywhere on the dates fixed. We order, moreover, our Yunnan and Liang-shang troops, in conformity with the convention, to withdraw and go back to the frontier, on the dates fixed.—*Sheng-pao*."

The elections for the new French Shanghai Municipal Council are of peculiar interest this year, and a sharp tussle may be expected on behalf of the respective candidates. The most curious feature of the candidature is that it is divided into two lists, each list consisting of gentlemen who are willing to serve with each other, but not with those on the rival list. Thus, one set consists of MM. Caffin, Harding, Riccio, Scott, and Villeneuve; the other of MM. Oriou, Buchanan, Kingsmill, Pichon, and Teillod. All these gentlemen are no doubt actuated by the purest public spirit, and it is said that two of the candidates whose names appear on the second list are willing to pledge themselves, if elected, to the institution of what was upon the French Consolation. This will, of course, procure them a large number of votes from the Chinese, and the trade and property on this side of the Yang-ki-pang, and speaks volumes for the confidence of the two candidates in the influence they hope to exercise over their colleagues. A gentleman who has already acquired a European reputation for his prowess in defending French interests against the intrigues of *perfidus Alibon*, and who, like Mr. Vincent Crummins, "can't think who puts these things into the papers," can scarcely fail to win the suffrages of all true citizens. The public spirit of Dr. Pichon is even more commendable, as his election will, if it takes place, necessitate his relinquishment of an appointment worth £1,800 a year, by virtue of Article 15 of the Treaty of 1860. It may be remembered that five years ago the Mayor resigned his seat at the Council Board in deference to this regulation.—*N. O. D. News*.

Sir A. Phyre left the Mauritius on the 31st of December, 1878, and Sir George Bowen left Melbourne to take his place as Governor of the Mauritius on the 22d of February, 1879. In the interval the Colonial Secretary, Mr. F. Napier Broome, C.M.G., now Sir F. Napier Broome, K.C.M.G., Governor of West Australia as acting Governor. It appears that, according to the Colonial Regulations, in such a case he ought during the 63 days to be drawn "between the sum in question in accordance with precedent and practice and with the order of the Auditor-General." On March 13, 1883, a letter was sent by the Earl of Derby, who by that time had occupied the Colonial Office, signing Mr. Napier Broome's name, but the latter gentleman deprecated the refunding of the money paid to him by no order of his own, and long since expanded in fulfilling the duties of his position. Lord Derby, thereupon, regretting the breach of the law, withdrew his instructions for the refunding of the money. A long correspondence followed between the Colonial Office and Sir John Pope Hennessy, the Governor, in which a precedent of the year 1876 and other cases of overdraw were dealt with; and finally Lord Derby on the 28th of this year ordered a draft to be introduced into the Council validating the payment to Sir F. Napier Broome.—*The Times*.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The ordinary weekly meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—H. E. the Governor (President); Hon. Sir Geo. Phillips, Chief Justice; Hon. W. B. Marsh, Colonial Secretary; Hon. E. L. O'Malley, the Attorney-General; Hon. A. Lister, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor-General; Hon. F. Stewart, Registrar-General; Hon. P. Ryrie; Hon. F. D. Kewick; Hon. T. Jackson; Hon. F. D. Kewick; and Hon. Wong Shing.

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Colonial Secretary laid on the table three minutes, in which the Governor recommended the Council to vote the following sums for the objects named:—

To carry out certain directions to which the Government had already pledged itself in connection with afforestation, £5,000.

\$6,998 for supplying Martini-Henry carbines and ammunition required for the use of the Police and Volunteers, under the circumstances stated in the correspondence published at the end of this report, the proceeds of the 50,000 rounds of ammunition supplied to the Shanghai Volunteers to be carried to the account in due course, \$1,200 the equivalent of £250, at 3/8, which Commodore Moreton has stated will be the approximate cost of fittings for torpedo boats for steam launches.

These minutes having been read, on the motion of the Colonial Secretary, they were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

PATENTS AND REPORTS.

The Colonial Secretary then laid on the table correspondence respecting the supply of rifles and ammunition to the Police, and also the annual report of the Harbour Master for last year.

HON. MR. RYRIE'S QUESTION.

In pursuance of notice the Hon. P. Ryrie put the following question:—In regard to a Bill styled *A Bill to incorporate the Peking Apostolic Vicar Apostolic*, (that being the name originally given to the Bill), the Attorney-General acting as a Public Servant, or as a legal practitioner in the Colony? In doing so, he said:—Your Excellency, and Hon. Members, I have thought it advisable, in view of the importance of the Bill, which has been forced on the Council by official members in a manner unprecedented in the legislation of this Colony, to enquire in what capacity the Attorney-General was acting. I venture to say that this is the first time in this Colony that a Bill, which has no Government interest supported by the phalanx of official members, headed by the Governor, is a thing I have never seen before. This Bill, in my opinion, is a description of legislation which is most undesirable, and I venture to say that it is a very peculiar one. There is a large section of this community who consider that the sanction of the Government ought not to be given to the sale of this property at all. I don't agree with that section. But there is another large section of this community who are not directly opposed to anything approaching a title being conferred upon a gentleman on whom the official members seem determined to bestow it.

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Hon. Mr. Ryrie:—It has always been the custom in the Council for a member to preface his question with a few remarks.

H. E. the Governor:—I have no objection to that.

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H. E. the Governor:—The bill is now introduced in a very extraordinary manner, against the opinion of a great many people, and we are not to discuss it.

Hon. Mr. Ryrie:—What I understand the Attorney-General to mean is that the hon. member will have an opportunity of speaking to the bill when the third reading is moved.

Hon. Mr. Ryrie:—I am anxious to enquire whether this bill is a private one or not; such is the object of my question.

With that I will defer any further remarks. I may have to make until the third reading of the bill.

H. E. the Governor:—The hon. member then formally put his question.

The Attorney-General:—Sir, in answer to the question of the hon. member I have to state that in regard to a Bill styled *A Bill to incorporate the Peking Apostolic Vicar Apostolic*, (that being the name originally given to the Bill), the Attorney-General is acting as a Public Servant, and not as a legal practitioner.

A BILL OF EXCHANGE ORDINANCE, 1885.

On the motion of the Attorney-General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, this bill was read a third time and passed.

THE BILL FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC VICAR APOSTOLIC IN HONGKONG.

The Attorney-General said he had now to move the third reading of the bill. It was not usual, he believed, for the hon. member to make any remarks, but he was looking to the opposition which has already been made to the bill and anticipating that there might be further opposition, he might say that since the bill was passed through committee, the matter has been carefully considered, and he would now propose, if he thought that the amendment would in some way meet the views of those members who had opposed the bill, that the bill be recommitted, and the bill so altered that the hon. member should be empowered to amend the bill by way of amendment, and he would now propose, if he thought that the amendment would in some way meet the views of those members who had opposed the bill, that the bill be recommitted, and the bill so altered that the hon. member should be empowered to amend the bill by way of amendment.

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H. E. the Governor:—I have no objection to that.

Hon. Mr. Ryrie:—I am speaking to the question.

H. E. the Governor:—The bill is now introduced in a very extraordinary manner, against the opinion of a great many people, and we are not to discuss it.

Hon. Mr. Ryrie:—What I understand the Attorney-General to mean is that the hon. member will have an opportunity of speaking to the bill when the third reading is moved.

Hon. Mr. Ryrie:—I am anxious to enquire whether this bill is a private one or not; such is the object of my question.

With that I will defer any further remarks. I may have to make until the third reading of the bill.

H. E. the Governor:—The hon. member then formally put his question.

The Attorney-General:—Sir, in answer to the question of the hon. member I have to state that in regard to a Bill styled *A Bill to incorporate the Peking Apostolic Vicar Apostolic*, (that being the name originally given to the Bill), the Attorney-General is acting as a Public Servant, and not as a legal practitioner.

A BILL OF EXCHANGE ORDINANCE, 1885.

On the motion of the Attorney-General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, this bill was read a third time and passed.

THE BILL FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC VICAR APOSTOLIC IN HONGKONG.

The Attorney-General said he had now to move the third reading of the bill. It was not usual, he believed, for the hon. member to make any remarks, but he was looking to the opposition which has already been made to the bill and anticipating that there might be further opposition, he might say that since the bill was passed through committee, the matter has been carefully considered, and he would now propose, if he thought that the amendment would in some way meet the views of those members who had opposed the bill, that the bill be recommitted, and the bill so altered that the hon. member should be empowered to amend the bill by way of amendment, and he would now propose, if he thought that the amendment would in some way meet the views of those members who had opposed the bill, that the bill be recommitted, and the bill so altered that the hon. member should be empowered to amend the bill by way of amendment.

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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERMAN, SUEZ CANAL, on FRIDAY, the 24th April, at 4 p.m. on the day of sailing. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing. Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; the Goods and General Cargo for London will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, on FRIDAY, the 24th April, at 4 p.m. on the day of sailing. Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing. The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading. Passengers desiring to insure their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office. N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Passengers for MANILA.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, April 16, 1885.

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Packages will be received at the office until
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and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
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F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 18, 1885.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK
SEA PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO
BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 30th April,
1885, at Noon, the Company's
S.S. NATAL, Commandant SUTHER,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on
the 29th April, 1885. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)
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quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 21, 1885.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the office
are regularly filed for the inspection of
Advertisers and the Public.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables
the Rates are given in cents, and are for
Letters per half ounce, for Books and
Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight
are charged as double, triple, &c., as the
case may be, but such papers or packets of
papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two
Newspapers must not be folded together as
one, nor must anything whatever be inserted
except bona fide Supplements. Printed
matter may, however, be enclosed, if the
whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices—Current
may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers
as, though written by hand, do not bear the
character of an actual or personal corre-
spondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied
music, &c. The charge on them is the same
as for books, but, whatever the weight of a
packet containing any partially written
paper, it will not be charged less than 5
cents.

The sender of any Registered Article
may accompany it with a Return Receipt
on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.
The limit of weight for Books and Com-
mercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is
4 lbs. Patterns for such cases are limited
to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these
dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2
inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.
The Union may be taken to comprise
Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia,
Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, all
N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil,
Paraguay, Uruguay, Trinidad, Guiana,
Roumania, Jamaica, Hawaii, with all
Danish, French, Netherlands, Portu-
guese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief
countries not in the Union are the Aus-
tralian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route—

Letters, 10 cents per ½ oz.

Post Cards, 5 cents each.

Newspapers, 10 cents.

Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected corre-
spondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and
Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Re-
gistration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and
Patterns, 2; Via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Re-
gistration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and
Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascen-
sion, Bolivia, Letters, 20; Registration,
30; Newspapers, 10; Books and Patterns, 5.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong,
Macao, China, Japan, and the Philip-
pines—

Letters per ½ oz., 5 cents (5).

Post Cards, each, 1 cent.

Books, Parcels and Patterns, per 2 oz.,
2 cents.

Newspapers and Prices Current, each, 2
cents.

Registration, 10 cents.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.

(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao
2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5
p.m. on any week day for addresses in
Victoria will be delivered the same day,
and generally within two hours, unless the
delivery should be retarded by the Contract
Mail.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be
delivered within Victoria at the private
houses of the addressees rather than at
places of business, if a wish to that effect
be expressed by the sender, otherwise all
correspondence is invariably delivered at
the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Cir-
culars, &c., of the same weight, to addresses in
Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of
China, may deliver them to the Post
Office unattended, the postage being then
charged to the sender's account. Each
batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns
to the same places in the same way.
Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly
closed, if the nature of the contents be first
declared or stated to the Postmaster
General, as he may consider necessary, and
approved by him. Printed Circulars may
be inserted in such Pattern Packages.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that

there is no such thing as Parcel Post
to Europe, &c. Much trouble and dis-
appointment are caused by persistent attempts
to send small valuable trifles through the
Post. Fairs, Curios, Articles of Dress,
Fancy Work, and similar presents are con-
tinually being refused, the senders having
often spent more in Postage than would
have paid the freight by tender. No
return can be made on such parcels of the
value of Stamps obliterated before the
nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post
at Rates fixed between Hongkong and all
of the British Post Offices in China, as well
as to Japan, Macao, Peking, the Straits
Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must
not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet
long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weigh more
than 3 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2
in. Such parcels may be wholly closed
if they bear this special endorsement,
PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTERS, but any
parcel may be opened by direction of the
Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels
for India, a declaration of contents and
value is required, a printed form for which
is supplied gratis. The Registration of
Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

2. The following cannot be transmitted:
Parcels insufficiently packed or protected,
or liable to be crushed (as handboxes,
&c.) Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive sub-
stances, Matches, Indigo, Dyes, Tuffs, Tea,
Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or
whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or
likely to become offensive or injurious in
transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded
by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail.
Packets to India they are forwarded by
the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only,
to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No respon-
sibility is accepted with regard to any
parcel, unless Registered, and then only to
the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to con-
found these facilities with a Parcel Post
to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules
be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be
registered or unregistered, can be received
by Advertisers and the Public.

For Postage if it contains gold or silver
money, jewels, precious articles, or any-
thing that, as a general rule, is liable to
Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending
of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the
quantity sent be so small as to make the
sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as
follows—
Books and Papers—To British Offices,
6 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.
Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if with-
out intrinsic value; to the Continent,
&c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible
for the safe delivery of Registered correspon-
dence, but it is prepared to make good the
contents of such correspondence lost while
passing through the Post, to the extent of
\$10, in certain cases, provided—

1. That the sender duly observed all the
conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed
in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the
Postmaster General of Hongkong immedi-
ately the loss was discovered, the envelope
being invariably forwarded with such appli-
cation unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satis-
fied that the loss occurred whilst the corre-
spondence was in the custody of the British
Postal administration in China, that it was
not caused by any fault on the part of the
sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck,
nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any
person not in the employment of the
Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere
damage to fragile articles such as portraits,
watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c.,
which reach their destination, although in a
broken or deteriorated condition.

Misses of Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misdirected
or delayed (both of which are liable to
happen occasionally) all that the addressee
needs to do is to note on the cover, Sent to
me by the Hongkong Post, or as the case
may be, and forward it, without any other
writing whatever, to the Postmaster
General. This should be added on the first
time a case of complaint occurs; if it is a
mistake to list such matters pass for fear of
giving trouble, a source which generally
gives more trouble in the end.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the Lady of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the section.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.